

The Claims

Claims 1-49 are currently pending. Claims 1, 11, and 30 have been amended.

Claims 31-49 are new.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a system enabling a user to share desired information with one or more parties, the user searching an information source remote from the system for the desired information, the system including a repository, the method comprising:

storing in the repository the desired information from the information source; source, the information source being directed to send the desired information to the system via a communications network, the desired information being associated with data identifying the user;

conveying the identifying data to the one or more parties; and

allowing access by the one or more parties to the desired information in the repository based on the identifying data.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the repository is accessed through an information assistance service.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the repository is accessible via a telephone.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the repository is accessible via the Internet.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information source is accessible via the Internet.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information source is accessible via a telephone.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising allowing the user to access the desired information in the repository.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the user is recognized by the system using an automatic number identification (ANI).
9. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the user is recognized by the system using the user's voiceprint.
10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the system uses the identifying data to recognize the one or more parties when accessing the information in the repository.
11. (Currently Amended) A method for disseminating information by a system, using a repository, comprising:
 - maintaining at the information depot repository data identifying a user;
 - receiving information from an information source, the information being associated with the identifying data;
 - storing the information in the repository; and
 - releasing the information to selected recipients based on instructions from the user that include the identifying data.
12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the repository is accessed through an information assistance service.
13. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the repository is accessible via a telephone.
14. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the repository is accessible via the Internet.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the information source is accessible via the Internet.
16. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the information source is accessible via a telephone.
17. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising using the identifying data to recognize the user when the user accesses the information at the repository.
18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the user is recognized using automatic number identification (ANI).
19. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the user is recognized using the user's voiceprint.
20. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising using the identifying data to recognize the recipients when accessing the information at the repository.
21. (Currently Amended) A system for disseminating information using a repository, comprising:
 - a gateway for maintaining identifying data identifying a user;
 - an interface for receiving information from an information source, the information being associated with the identifying data; and
 - a database repository for storing the information; ~~in the repository,~~
wherein the information is released to selected recipients, based on instructions from the user that include the identifying data.
22. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the repository is accessed through an information assistance service.

23. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the repository is accessible via a telephone.

24. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the repository is accessible via the Internet.

25. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the information source is accessible via the Internet.

26. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the information source is accessible via a telephone.

27. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the identifying data is used to recognize the user when accessing the information at the repository.

28. (Original) The system according to claim 27, wherein the user is recognized using automatic number identification (ANI).

29. (Original) The system according to claim 27, wherein the user is recognized using the user's voiceprint.

30. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the identifying data is used to recognize the recipients when accessing the information at the repository.

31. (New) An information storage and retrieval system comprising:
memory; and

a processor configured to:

store information found by a user from an information source, in association with data identifying the user, in the memory;

receive a request to access the stored information from a third party; and
allow the third party to access the stored information if the third party provides data
identifying the user.

32. (New) A system according to claim 31, wherein the processor is configured to receive the information from a source separate from the system.

33. (New) A method for storing and disseminating information, the method comprising:
receiving by a system information found by a user independently of the system, with data
identifying the user;
storing the received information in association with data identifying the user; and
disseminating the stored information to a recipient.

34. (New) The method according to claim 33, further comprising:
the user searching for the information independently of the system.

35. (New) The method according to claim 33, further comprising:
the user sending the information to the system via a communications network.

36. (New) The method according to claim 33, comprising:
disseminating the stored information to a third party.

37. (New) The method according to claim 36, comprising:
disseminating the stored information to the third party at the request of the user.

38. (New) The method according to claim 36, further comprising:
receiving a request for the stored information from the third party; and
disseminating the stored information to the third party, if the request includes data identifying the user.
39. (New) The method according to claim 33, wherein the stored data is a website link.
40. (New) The method according to claim 39, further comprising:
sending the website link to the third party.
41. (New) A system for storing and disseminating information, the system comprising:
memory; and
a processor configured to:
receive information found by a user independently of the system, with data identifying the user;
store the received information in association with data identifying the user, in the memory; and
disseminate the stored information to a recipient.
42. (New) The system according to claim 42, wherein the recipient is a third party and the processor is configured to:
disseminate the stored information to the third party.
43. (New) The information system of claim 42, wherein the processor is configured to:
disseminate the stored information to the third party at the request of the user.

44. (New) The system according to claim 42, wherein the processor is configured to: disseminate the stored information to the third party at the request of the third party, if the third party provides data identifying the user.
45. (New) The system according to claim 41, wherein the stored data is a website link.
46. (New) A method for a user to store and disseminate information, the method comprising: storing on a system information found by a user independently of the system; sending notification to a recipient that stored information is available from the system, with data identifying the user; and allowing access to the recipient if the recipient provides the data identifying the user to the system.
47. The method of claim 46, comprising: storing the information in association with data identifying the user
48. (New) A system for storing and disseminating information, the system comprising: memory; and a processor configured to: receive information found by a user from an information source; store the received information; send notification to a recipient that stored information is available, with data identifying the user; and allow access to the stored information at the request of the recipient, if the recipient provides the data identifying the user.

49. (New) The system of claim 48, wherein the processor is configured to: store the received information in association with data identifying the user.